



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Division of Workers' Compensation - Medical Fee Dispute Resolution (MS-48)

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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name

JAMES WEISS, MD

Respondent Name

LIBERTY INSURANCE CORP

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-15-3231-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 01

MFDR Date Received

JUNE 1, 2015

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "We submitted a request for reconsideration to Liberty Mutual on 10/02/2014, this request was in response to a \$666.67 reduction of the \$936.77 for the EMG/NCV: Designated Doctor Referred Exam performed on 7/29/2014. Unfortunately our request was denied and we are seeking the balance owed to us."

Amount in Dispute: \$666.67

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "Code 99204 was denied per Medicare guidelines. Code 99204 was billed in combination with codes 95886 and 95912 which have 'XXX' and 'ZZZ' global days. Medicare indicates that E&M should not be billed with 'XXX' procedures since the procedure components include the pre-procedure, intra-procedure, and post-procedure work usually performed each time the procedure is complete. Codes with 'ZZZ' global day indicates the services are included in the global period of another related service ...HCPCS Code A4556, electrodes per pair, was denied as supplies are not separately payable per Medicare guidelines."

Response Submitted by: Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
July 29, 2014	CPT Code 99204 New Patient Office Visit	\$247.70	\$0.00
	CPT Code 95886 (X2) Needle EMG	\$1.06	\$0.00
	CPT Code 95912 Nerve Conduction Studies (11-12)	\$392.91	\$0.00
	HCPCS Code A4556 Electrodes	\$25.00	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$666.67	\$0.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.203, effective March 1, 2008, sets the reimbursement guidelines for the disputed service.
3. The services in dispute were reduced/denied by the respondent with the following reason codes:
 - X457-No significant identifiable evaluation and management service has been documented.
 - 193-Original payment decision is being maintained. Upon review, it was determined that this claim was processed properly.
 - P300-The amount paid reflects a fee schedule reduction.
 - Z710-The charge for this procedure exceeds the fee schedule allowance.
 - W3-Additional payment made on appeal/reconsideration.
 - X268-Per CPT guidelines, nerve conduction studies are paid per nerve, not per site along the same nerve.
 - M384-Supplies and materials included in the procedure.
 - Z989-The amount paid previously was less than is due. The current recommended amount is the result of supplemental payment.

Issues

1. Does the documentation support billing CPT code 99204?
2. Does the documentation support billing CPT code 95912?
3. Is the requestor due additional reimbursement for CPT code 95886?
4. Is the benefit for HCPCS code A4556 included in the benefit of another service billed on the disputed date? Is the requestor entitled to reimbursement for HCPCS code A4556?

Findings

1. According to the submitted explanation of benefits, the respondent denied payment for CPT code 99204 based upon reason code "X457."

28 Texas Administrative Code §134.203(a)(5) states "Medicare payment policies" when used in this section, shall mean reimbursement methodologies, models, and values or weights including its coding, billing, and reporting payment policies as set forth in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) payment policies specific to Medicare."

The American Medical Association (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) defines code 99204 as "Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these 3 key components: A comprehensive history; A comprehensive examination; Medical decision making of moderate complexity. Counseling and/or coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals, or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the patient's and/or family's needs. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. Typically, 45 minutes are spent face-to-face with the patient and/or family."

The Division finds that the requestor's documentation did not support a comprehensive history or medical decision making of moderate complexity; therefore, the requestor did not support billing CPT code 99204. As a result reimbursement is not recommended.

2. The respondent denied reimbursement for CPT code 95912 based upon reason code "X268." A review of the submitted report does not support 11-12 studies; therefore, the respondent's denial is supported. As a result, no reimbursement is recommended.
3. To determine if the requestor is due additional reimbursement for CPT code 95886 the Division refers to 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.203(c)(1)(2), which states "To determine the MAR for professional services, system participants shall apply the Medicare payment policies with minimal modifications.

(1) For service categories of Evaluation & Management, General Medicine, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Radiology, Pathology, Anesthesia, and Surgery when performed in an office setting, the established conversion factor to be applied is \$52.83. For Surgery when performed in a facility setting, the established conversion factor to be applied is \$66.32.

(2) The conversion factors listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be the conversion factors for calendar year 2008. Subsequent year's conversion factors shall be determined by applying the annual percentage adjustment of the Medicare Economic Index (MEI) to the previous year's conversion factors, and shall be effective January 1st of the new calendar year. The following hypothetical example illustrates this annual adjustment activity if the Division had been using this MEI annual percentage adjustment: The 2006 Division conversion factor of \$50.83 (with the exception of surgery) would have been multiplied by the 2007 MEI annual percentage increase of 2.1 percent, resulting in the \$51.90 (with the exception of surgery) Division conversion factor in 2007."

To determine the MAR the following formula is used: (DWC Conversion Factor/Medicare Conversion Factor) X Participating Amount = Maximum Allowable Reimbursement (MAR).

The 2014 DWC conversion factor for this service is 55.75.

The Medicare Conversion Factor is 35.8228.

Review of Box 32 on the CMS-1500 the services were rendered in zip code 78230, which is located in San Antonio, Texas. Therefore, the Medicare participating amount will be based on the reimbursement for "Rest of Texas".

Using the above formula, the Division finds the following:

Code	Medicare Participating Amount	Maximum Allowable	Carrier Paid	Due
95886	\$86.78	\$135.05 X 2 = \$270.10	\$270.10	\$0.00

4. According to the explanation of benefits, the respondent denied reimbursement for HCPCS code A4556 based upon reason code "M384".

HCPCS Code A4556 is defined as "Electrodes (e.g., apnea monitor), per pair."

Per Medicare guidelines, Transmittal B-03-020, effective February 28, 2003 if Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) HCPCS codes are incidental to the physician service, it is not separately payable. A review of the submitted documentation does not support a separate service to support billing HCPCS code A4556. As a result, additional reimbursement is not recommended.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has not established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is \$0.00.

ORDER

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 reimbursement for the disputed services.

Authorized Signature

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Signature	Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer	Date

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, 37 *Texas Register* 3833, applicable to disputes filed on or after June 1, 2012.

A party seeking review must submit a **Request to Schedule a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision** (form **DWC045M**) in accordance with the instructions on the form. The request must be received by the Division within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the Division using the contact information listed on the form or to the field office handling the claim.

The party seeking review of the MFDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §141.1(d).

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.